(a) whether Government have reviewed the performances of the Public Sector paper units in the country;

(b) if so, the production and export performance of each such PSU including Hindustran Paper Corporation during the last three years; and

(c) the details thereof, alongwith the projection made till 2000 A.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL): (a) The performance of Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. (HPC) and NEPA Ltd., the Central Public Sector Undertakings, engaged in the production of paper and newsprint are reviewed on a regular basis.

(b) and (c) The production and Export performance of these undertakings during the last three years and the projections for 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are:—

Production	1995-%	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
		Actual		Projection	
NEPA LTD (Newsprint)	62113	17523	37592	65833	70000
HPC (Units) (Paper)	152870	144933	138686	145000	150000
Subsidiaries of HPC (i) MANDYA NATIONAL PAPER MILLS LTD. (MNPM) (PAPER)	—	—	1213	652	—
(ii) NAGALAND PULP & PAPER CO. LTD. (NPPC) (PAPER)					
(iii) HINDUSTAN NEWSPRINT ltd. (HNL) (NEWSPRINT)	101111	70287	85038	100000	100000
EXPORT	5721	10132	1353	3000	4000
HPC					
HNL	346	514	500	—	—

ऑटोमोबाइल और सीमेंट क्षेत्रों में मंदी

1613.**श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र**: क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ऑटोमोबाइल और सीमेंट क्षेत्र में भारी मंदी है तथा सरकार इस मंदी से इन्हें उबारने के लिये उत्पाद शुल्क में कमी करने जा रही हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां,तो उक्त शुल्क में कमी का ब्यौरा क्या है तथा इसका राजस्व संग्रह पर क्या असर पड़ेगा ;

(ग) क्या सिर्फ उत्पाद शुल्क को कम करने से यह उद्योग फलने-फूलने लगेंगे;

(घ) यदि हां,तो ऐसा किस प्रकार संभव होगा;और

(ड़) यदि नहीं,तो सरकार दूसरे कौन से उपाय कर रही हैं?

उद्योग मंत्री (**श्री सिकन्दर बख्त**): (क) से (ड़) यह सही है कि पिछले दो वर्षो में विशेष रूप से आटोमोबाइल उद्योग के वाणिज्यिक वाहन क्षेत्र में मांग

की कमी और सीमेंट उद्योग की विकास दर में गिरावट रही है । आर्थिक तथा संपूर्ण उद्योग की मंदी,अवसरंचना परियोजनाओं पर अपर्याप्त खर्च और साथ-ही अन्तर-राष्ट्रीय मंदी की प्रवृत्तियां वाहनों के उत्पादन में भारी गिरावट और सीमेंट उत्पादन के नकारात्मक विकास के मुख्य कारण थे ।आटोमोबाइल और सीमेंट विनिर्माता असोसिएशनों ने बजट-पूर्व ज्ञापन प्रस्तुत किए हैं,जिसमें दोनों उद्योगों को उबारने के लिए उत्पाद शुल्क में कमी करने सहित अनेक रियायतें तथा प्रोत्साहन देने का अनुरोध किया गया हैं । उद्योग असोसिएशनों के सुझावों पर सरकार ध्यान दे रहीं हैं । उत्पाद शुल्क में रियासत देने मात्र से ही वाणिज्यिक वाहनों तथा सीमेंट की मांग को पूर्वावस्था में नहीं लाया जा सकता है । वर्ष 1998-99 के बजट का 35%भाग ढांचागत क्षेत्र के लिए निर्धारित किया गया है । इसके परिणामस्वरूप आटोमोबाइल और सीमेंट क्षेत्रों सहित औद्योगिक क्षेत्र को प्रोत्साहन मिलने की आशा हैं ।

Emigration clearance at Airports

1614. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the formalities to be observed to get emigration clearance by an Indian Passport holder;

(b) who is the officer authorised to give emigration clearances;

(c) why no facilities are provided at the airports to give emigration clearances;

(d) whether Government are aware that Indian Passport holders, who require emigration clearances, are harassed; and

(e) whether Government will consider providing the facilities of emigration clerances at the Airports?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (e) All Indian Citizens whose passports have the classification of "Emigration Check Required (ECR)" are lequired to get emigration clearance before they leave for any country. In case of persons who want to go abroad for purpose other than for employment, the requirement of emigration check is suspended for the duration of the visit. He^he can obtain such suspension either from any office of the Protector of Emigrants or from any of the Regional Passport Offices who have been specifically authorised for this purpose on producltion of valid documents. In emergent cases (like death[7] illness of the relativies abroad), the 'Immigration Authorities at the Airport have also been authorised to grant such suspension.

In the case of persons who hold passports with the classification 'ECR' and want to emigrate to other countries for employment on contractual basis, emigration clearance is required to be obtained from the Offices of the Protectors of Emigrants. If any such person belongs to the unskilled category, he£he is required to produce before the Protector of Emigrants, relevant documents like work agreement, visa etc. duly attested by the Indian Mission abroad. In the case of persons who are holding passports with the classification of ECR but belong to the skilledSemi-skilled category, the emigration clearance can be obtained from the Protectors of Emigrants through the registered recruiting agents.

The work relating to grant of emigration clearance by Protectors of Emigrants to persons who emigrate to other countries for employment involves detailed scrutiny of employment documents and at times it is necessary to obtain informatiorvtlearance from the Indian Missions abroad andbr this Ministry. As such it is not possible to grant instant emigration clearance at the airports even if such offices are opened at the airports. There is hardly any case of a person being harassed at the airports. In view of this, it has not been considered essential to provide facilities of emigration clerance at the airports except in emergent cases for which powers have already been given to the Immigration authorities at the airports.

बेरोज़गार व्यक्तियों को विदेश भेजना

1615.**श्री मुनव्वर हसन**: क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: